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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 855
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A RESOLUTION to designate September 11, 2002, as "Let Love Ring!" Day in Tennessee.

WHEREAS, on September 11, 2001, the world, as Americans knew it, was forever changed; and

WHEREAS, "Let Love Ring" is a new Nashville-based, non-profit organization that was formed with the laudable purpose of providing avenues for people to express love and take positive action in response to the tragic events of that Tuesday in September, 2001; and

WHEREAS, the organization's inaugural project is a worldwide prayer event scheduled for September 11, 2002; originating in Nashville, events will take place in villages and cities across the planet; and

WHEREAS, all Tennesseans and citizens of the world are invited to join in the events; people of all faiths will be coming together to participate in what may prove to be the largest prayer event in history; and

WHEREAS, each festivity will begin and end with the ringing of bells; the vision is to "Let Love Ring!" for a 24-hour period around the globe, with the intent of simultaneously honoring the

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families and friends of the persons who lost their lives on September 11th of last year and since that time, and inaugurating a new era of peace, unity, and cooperation on Earth by accepting and honoring our tragedies and diversities; and

WHEREAS, a coloring book of children's artwork is being produced and will be presented to the children of New York City and Washington, D.C. on September 11, 2002; coloring books will also be presented to children in the Middle East at a later date; and

WHEREAS, these laudable events and activities are being made possible by the estimable efforts of the good people of "Let Love Ring!" including Executive Director Arzella Kay Wheeler and Board Members Patricia Martin, Dr. Wayne Moore, and Captain Sonny Highers; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we hereby designate September 11, 2002, as "Let Love Ring!" Day in Tennessee and join in espousing the admirable goals embodied by this wonderful event.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we urge and encourage all Tennesseans to participate in "Let Love Ring!" Day on September 11, 2002.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.